Mount Tom Municipal Wellness Program

Amherst · Easthampton Northampton · South Hadley



Habits of Health

Nutrition

Making better nutrition choices means that we feel better, manage our stress better and are healthier overall. We all want to make good choices even when we are busy. This six week program suggests healthy eating strategies. In that period of time these strategies can become healthy habits. In addition this program encourages you to improve your health through exercise and social activities, all important to our well being.

Use this form to track your activities. Award yourself one point for each activity you complete in the appropriate box below. Record a maximum of three points per day. Your goal is to accumulate at least 80 points over the course of six weeks.

Suggestions for each activity are listed on the back.

SAMPLE	START DATE					
May 1						
1 Diet / Nutrition	Diet / Nutrition	Diet / Nutrition				
1 Physical Activity	Physical Activity	Physical Activity				
Support / Network	Support / Network	Support / Network				
3 Daily Total	Daily Total	Daily Total				
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What Counts As...?

Diet & Nutrition

1 Point/Day for practicing a healthy change in your daily diet or nutrition.

Simple changes in diet can produce a healthier you!

Examples include:

- · Opt for water instead of soft drinks.
- · Try eating at least 2 vegetables with dinner
- Add a small zip lock bag of fresh cut up fruit or veggies to bring to work.
- Switch from white bread to whole wheat or white rice to brown
- Drink 1% fat or skim milk instead of whole milk
- · Try a fruit or vegetable you have never had before
- Watch your portion size
- · Create a menu for the week
- Make a grocery list before you go to the store that includes plenty of fruits and vegetables
- Make a list of healthy snacks and stock them
- · Google 'Mass in Motion' for new healthy recipes
- · Try a new recipe
- · Clean out your refrigerator get rid of old food
- Find out your weight, BP or cholesterol and check that against recommended levels for your age
- · Read the labels on food products
- · Eliminate trans fats for a day

Physical Activity

1 Point/Day for a physical activity.

If you are not currently active you might start with a few minutes each day. If you are already active you can try 30 minutes a day of moderate activity.

Examples include:

- · Walking the dog
- Running/hiking
- Taking the stairs. Avoid elevators and escalators
- Stretching before bed
- Swimming
- Biking
- · Mowing the lawn
- Parking further away from your destination than usual
- Dancing

Consult with your physician before starting an exercise program and/ or if you have or are at risk for a chronic health condition (e.g., diabetes, hypertension).

Support / Network

Award yourself 1 point every day for purposeful attention to support partners and/or networks.

Examples include:

- Attend to your social relationships
- · Phone or email a friend
- · Plan social outing
- · Attend an event
- Go to a museum
- Make a lunch date with a co-worker
- Invite someone to join you to exercise, meditate, walk, do yoga, swim
- · Join a club
- Volunteer

Results Form

Name:				Phone #:		_ (Only need	ded if entering	y raffle)
1. Total points:								
2. Compared to the beg	rinning of the prog	ram, I feel	I am abl	e to make better nutrition choi	ces in my life.			
(choose one) Strongly	agree Agree N	Ieutral Di	sagree	Strongly disagree				
3. By monitoring my ac	tivities for 44 days	I feel I am 1	more aw	are of the things in my life that	affect my diet and nut	trition.		
Making time for nhy	sical activity	VPS	no	don't know		_		

Making time for physical activity	yes	no	don't know
Maintaining support networks	yes	no	don't know
Making better food and nutrition choices	yes	no	don't know
Taking time for diet and food planning	yes	no	don't know

4. As a result of this program, I have made positive lifestyle changes in my:

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Physical activity	yes	no	don't know
Support networks	yes	no	don't know
Food choices	yes	no	don't know
Nutrition planning	ves	no	don't know

5. Comments:



Complete this form and return to the address below so that you can be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to a local grocery store.

Your feedback helps us to plan, evaluate and improve our wellness program.

Please send us your results and comments:

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